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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner 

RE: Approval of Certification Tests and Passing Scores (ESL, ASL, Braille)

The Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island requires RIDE to seek Council approval for new or revised certification tests and passing scores that are required for initial certification.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS), which provides most R.I. certification tests, recently revised one current test (English to Speakers of Other Languages), and RIDE is proposing the addition of two new tests (American Sign Language Proficiency Interview and Braille Proficiency). Rhode Island educators participated in all of the multi-state standard-setting studies and RIDE staff has reviewed the technical reports from the studies.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council for Elementary and Secondary Education approves the revised English to Speakers of Other Languages certification test with a passing score of 155.

AND

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the new American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) test with a passing Score of 170.

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RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the new Braille Proficiency certification test with a passing score of 169.